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20 Years Decatur Has Grown Into Leading Dairy and Trade Metropolis

By AUSTIN McMURCHY

Decatur has it! This town with a personality has made the greatest gains of growth during the past 20 years, although it is an town established in 1836.

The spark of its development has been an energetic and careful leadership and a citizenry that has kept pace with times.

Today one finds in this county seat of Newton county, a population of about 1800, many new homes, Methodist and Baptist churches, a modern school plant, East-Central Junior College, a modern thriving business section ringing the courthouse square, a modern Negro school, and a country of rolling pastures which feeds many registered cattle in the expanding dairy industry.

In addition to these attributes, Decatur also has a new stock auction barn which is aiding the growth of beef and horse industries in the area and a county cold storage plant. Large pasture improvement program of the surrounding pulpwood and timber also add to the livelihood in the rural section.

"Trade Appreciation Day" each Saturday in Decatur is a feature. It not only stimulates trade in the stores of the town, but also rewards purchasers in the local stores. Merchants cooperate by contributing to the "jackpot" and tickets are given out at random. The winner may get a trade certificate for five to fifty percent of the "jackpot," which usually amounts to about \$100 or more.

The town's Exchange club is its Chamber of Commerce, and negotiations are carried on its way to locate at least one small industry there.

Decatur today has assessed value of \$350,000 and a 20 mill tax rate. Bank deposits in December, 1935, averaged about \$577,000. The town has a branch of the Bank of Newton. Much of the city's property is unassessable, but city expansion efforts have met opposition in the past.

One mile of street paving has been laid in the town, and more may be done this summer. Water lines were recently laid in the new Negro school of which the town is justly proud.

Began in 1835

Decatur's history began in 1835 with the organization of the town was completed. The first courthouse was built in 1836. It was burned in 1864 during Sherman's march to the sea in the Civil War. Many old records

were burned. The second courthouse was built in 1868 and also was later burned, this time by a man under indictment, according to older citizens. The third time the courthouse was rebuilt in 1878, and was burned in 1910.

The present courthouse, fourth structure on the same site, was erected in 1911.

The first sheriff of the county was Hullen Redwine. The first store located in the town was an old lean-to saloon and grocery which was built onto two growing trees, according to legend. The oldest house in the county is reported to be the Alexander Graham home which was completed in 1828. He was an early farmer. The building is still standing six miles east of Decatur.

It was on the streets of Decatur, between the present site of the Methodist church and the junior college, that Colonel W. A. Mont-

gomery, Hinds county civil war leader, was wounded during a skirmish, according to lore recounted by H. R. McMullen.

Modern Attitudes

Only this week Mrs. Bart Herrington, widow of the sheriff who died in office, was elected chief law enforcement officer of the county over eight opponents in a special election. This, taken with other things, shows the liberal and modern attitudes of the citizens.

The modern white elementary school plant was completed four years ago, after the former structure burned. Busses bring in students from a wide area. Enrollment is about 500.

Junior College

East Central Junior college, one of the better junior colleges in the state, was founded in 1928.

It began with three buildings and a faculty of two. Today it has 12 new buildings and faculty of 45. Enrollment in the first semester was about 20, and today enrollment totals about 600.

The school is headed by L. O. Todd, president since 1934. All college teachers have masters degrees. A new music and art department have recently been added, and the athletic program is among the best with teams of the school (known as Warriors) making good showings in conference competition.

A new shop department at the school and the vocational agriculture programs also are popular.

The school is presently constructing a two-story student center building. The plant and property of the school is conservatively valued at about \$1,000,000.

Support of the school is given by tax levies in five counties: Newton, Scott, Leake, Neshoba and Winston. Many extra-curricular activities and student aid plans are available.

The school bids for students with its annual "Senior Day" event, in which seniors from the high schools in the five counties are brought in and treated to a meal and entertainment and tours of the school conducted by junior college students from their home towns. About 1600 are expected for the event this year.

Neighboring Towns

The town is accessible to other neighboring towns by modern roads, and Gulf, Mobile and Ohio freight line serves the community. The neighboring cities are Union, Newton, Conehatta (site of an Indian reservation), Hickory, Stratton, Little Rock and Beulah Hubbard (a large consolidated school district).

Decatur's growth was aided by two things, the advent of the junior college and the election of young men on the town board.

Present city officials are: Mayor

Alex Munday, Alderman J. Thomas Giles, Alderman G. E. Crawford, Alderman A. J. Blackburn, Alderman Alton Graham, City Clerk M. S. G. G. Keith, Special Police Officer Bill Spivey, Alderman J. R. Pace, City Attorney W. H. Johnson, and Marshall J. T. McMullen.

Two women's clubs, the Progressive club and Garden club, combine with the men's Exchange club in the advancement and beautification of the community.

The town is clean, law-abiding and progressive. Dairying in the area is expanding. Newton county has more grade A dairies than any county in the state, and at least one Grade A dairy is located within the corporate limits of the town.

A modern agricultural office building is located in Decatur, serving as headquarters for the county agent, AAA, home demonstration agent, health and welfare departments.

Current Projects

While the city is living in the present and not the past, a current project of the town is the improvement of its cemetery. Plans for improving the area into beauty spot of the community were talked by Mayor Munday.

Other progress plans have been advanced for widening of some of the business streets of the town.

The town's Negro school now provides 12 grades and a lunchroom is to be built to serve the school the same as the white school.

Probably the best-known and best-loved citizen of Decatur is Mrs. Gallaspy, columnist for the Newton Record.

Her story is a remarkable one. She's 86, and is confined to her bed with arthritis. But from a telephone at her bedside, she keeps a finger on the pulse of the community and writes a lively, timely column of the city in that publication each week.

She is Decatur's "ace reporter", and this attempt at Decatur's story probably could be better told by her.

Take another look at Decatur's past, especially the persons for which this area was named.

The county was named for Sir Isaac Newton, scientist. His theory was that what went up must come down. He did not evolve further that where there is spirit a community will not stay down, but will rise to new growth and development.

The city was named for Stephen Decatur, statesman. One wonders what he would say of the fast-growing community today.

Geographic Location

The geographic location of the city kept it as the county seat through the years, although bids were made by other cities in the section. It is reached by Highway 15, which connects with Highway 80 at Newton.

It had the first Masonic Lodge in the county, known as Decatur

Evergreen Lodge No. 77, date of 1846.

The final charter of the town was given in 1906.

And last, but not least, in Decatur's achievements is its pretty girls. "Miss Decatur" and "Miss Central Mississippi" are in school here.

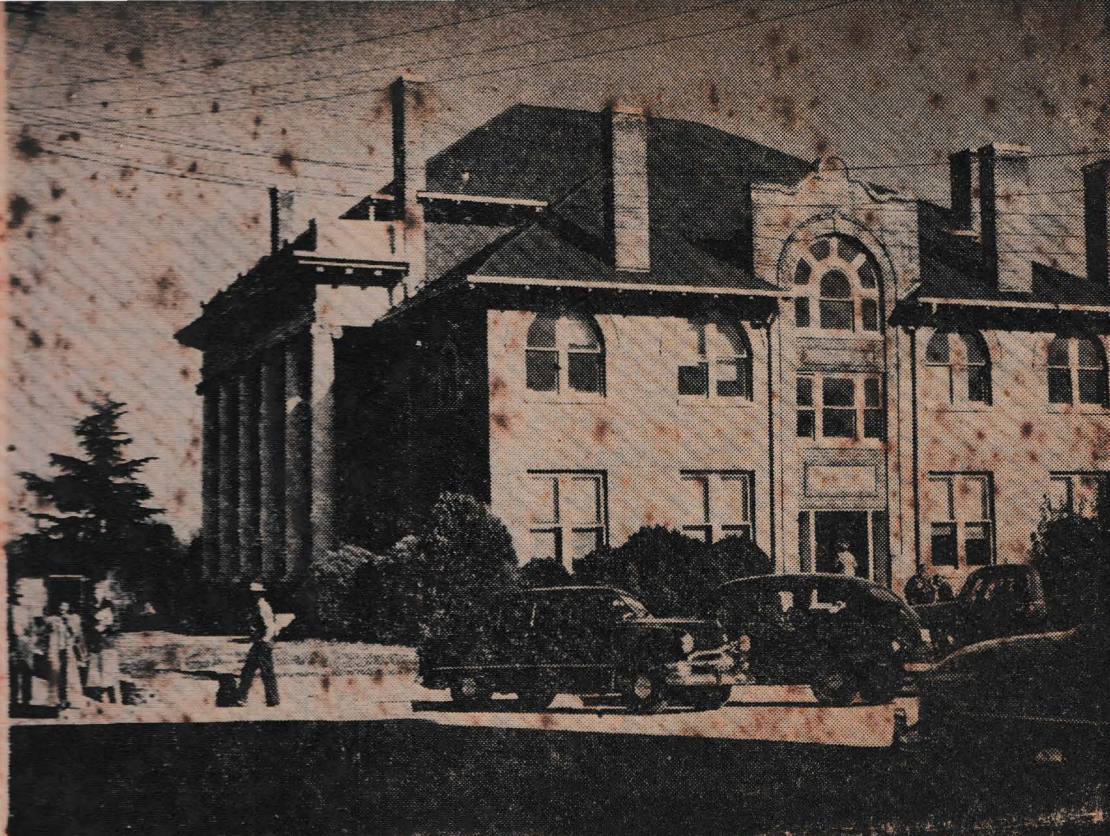
This city, already established in dairying which is constantly expanding and improving, is seeking industry to further encourage new

DECATUR--Newton County Co



Businessmen of Decatur cooperate in attracting business to their town. Each week they conduct a "Treasure Chest" trade day. Pictured above are members of the city council with a "squirrel cage" where tickets to be drawn are kept. From left to right are J. Thomas Giles, G. E.

Crawford, A. J. Blackburn, Alton Graham, aldermen; Mayor Alex Munday (kneeling); Mrs. G. G. Keith, city clerk; Bill Spivey, special police; J. R. Pace, alderman; and W. H. Johnson, city attorney. Not pictured is J. T. McMullen, marshal.



Decatur is the center of government for Newton county. Pictured is the county courthouse. 1950



Whether the subject is politics or the mystery of "flying saucers" it probably has been discussed on the steps of the Newton county courthouse at Decatur. An election for a sheriff was being held the day this group was photographed.

Mrs. Wilbur Everett of Stratton is pictured above as she was presented the Community's \$300 award for top honors in the Newton County Rural Development Program for 1952. Making the presentation is Jesse H. Ezell, president of the Newton County Board of Supervisors and a member of the Program's Board of Directors, while shown at far left, and Jodie Pennington, who gave the annual report, is shown at far right. (Read the report of this community elsewhere in this issue.)



Ask anyone in Decatur what is the principal business of the community and they will quickly say "Dairying." We ask you if pretty Miss Jeanette Massey, 19, twice chosen "Miss Decatur", doesn't make a nice picture to illustrate this industry. (Daily News photos by Jimmy Ward).

Nicholson Won Best Individual Farm Award Scanlan Community Winning Entrant

The annual award dinner for the Newton County Rural Community Development Program was held Thursday night, December 11, in the East Central Junior College gymnasium, Decatur. The barbecued beef meal, served buffet style from tables set up in the four corners of the gymnasium, was enjoyed by approximately 500 farmers, business men, and technical workers. The invocation was said by the Rev. Wilmer H. Clay, pastor of the Decatur Methodist Church, and member of the Rural Life Commission

and two upright silos that helped community members conserve feed stuff during the drought of 1952. Telephone lines were run five and one-half miles in the community from Decatur to give members telephone service. All mail boxes were painted and stenciled with owners' names. Mechanized farm equipment was bought on a cooperative basis, individuals purchasing varied pieces and using them communally.

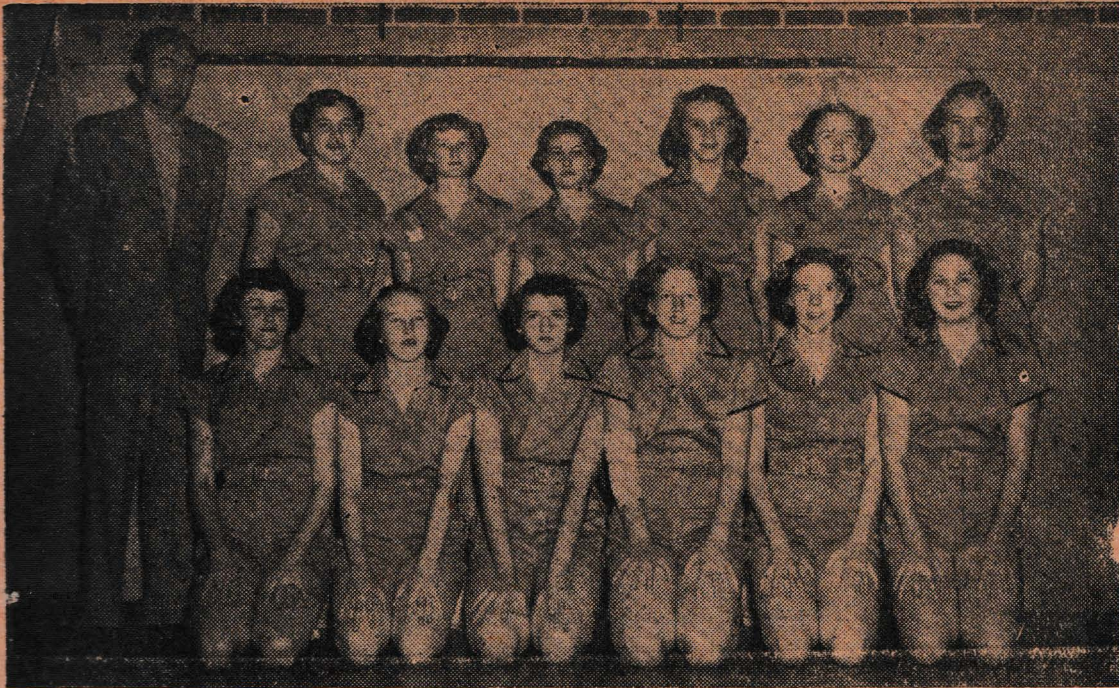
Many home improvements were made, including electric washing

Dr. Todd stated that \$5,000 had been contributed by business people of the Program, and made the awards, assisted by key business men of the county. The awards were as follows: High person in community (\$25 each): Earl Ezell of Erin and Lucern, C. P. Brown of Sulphur Springs, Coy Addy of Stratton, Woodrow Ezell of Pleasant Valley, J. T. Boggan of Fellowship, Otho Tatum of Berry, Mack Ozborn of Union, M. O. Barfoot of Scanlan, Mack Foy of New Ireland, and Anon McMullan of Oak Grove. Lettering and painting mail boxes, 100 per cent (four communities divided \$50)—Scanlan, Oak Grove, Stratton, and Berry.

Best cotton yield—Mack Ozborn, first, \$75; Melvin Nicholson, Jr., second, \$50; and Coy Addy, third, \$25. Highest in corn yield (\$75)—Anon McMullan.

Jodie Pennington, reporting for the Scanlan Community, made a glowing resume of the Community's activity. Scanlan, winning community entrant, scored highest because of the number of community projects attempted and completed. Important among the projects was the building of two trench

retary; Second (\$200), Berry, Olen Ferguson, chairman, Billy Coleman, secretary; Third (\$100), Pleasant Valley, Aubrey Ezell, chairman; Fourth (\$50), Oak Grove, Mrs. Charles Harris, secretary.
Best individual farm program (\$100), Melvin Nicholson, Jr., Bethel.



The members of the girls' basketball team of East Central Junior College for the year of 1954-55 are as follows: Kneeling, Loretta Fox, Sue Harris, Helen Jane Townsend, Ruby Nowell, Gayla Ann Williamson and

Betty Madison. Standing, Tom Burt, coach; Kate Freeman, Shelby Jean Laird, Dorothy Brown, Hilda Wicker, Shirley Jones and Bobbie Kilpatrick.

THREE STUDENTS ARE ADDED TO HONOR ROLL

Three students, not listed on the second six weeks' honor roll previously released have achieved scholastic honors, according to a recent release from the Registrar's office.

The grades of the three students, all of whom are Agriculture Majors, were held up by the illness of their instructor. When all grades had been completed, three individuals were found to have merited recognition for outstanding honors.

Of the three, Carl Beeman rated Special Distinction; Olen Nall, Distinction and Willie Scott Jordan made the honor roll.

E. C. J. C. Defeats Wesson and Hinds

The East Central Warriorettes basketball team defeated Wesson and Hinds prior to the Christmas holidays.

On December 10th the girls defeated Wesson by a score of 62-40. The Warriorettes definitely proved themselves to be the stronger team on both defense and offense.

The Hinds Eaglettes journeyed to East Central December 14 there only to be met with overwhelming competition. The Hinds girls played excellent basketball the first minutes of the game, but could not match the Warriorettes in the second half. The East Central lasses were the victors by a score of 58-42.

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Basketball Team Wins Over Four Junior Colleges

The East Central boys' basketball team defeated Wesson, Hinds, and Woods Jr. Colleges respectively before leaving for the holidays.

December 10 the Warriors defeated the Wesson Quintet by a score of 89 to 79. The Warriors were very effective on defense. This game was played at Wesson.

Dec 14 the Warriors defeated Hinds Jr. College 87 to 60 before a thrilled crowd in the local nasium. Wayne led the scoring with 32 points. The outstanding defense was a determining factor in the victory. The squad saw action in this decisive victory.

The Warriors defeated W Jr. College 50 to 34 December in the home gymnasium. The score was close until the 1 part of the second quarter when the Warriors went out front and maintained a good margin throughout the game. Tullos contributed for 34 points, while outstanding defensive play was performed by the entire squad.

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...who shot off his shot gun on Christmas Eve, told his kids that Santa Claus had committed suicide.

Coach Lindsley, threw his drowning mother-in-law a bucket of hot water.

Mrs. Sullivan, who, in selling a pound of raisens, bit one in half to give exact weight.

Miss Harris took a dead fly away from a blind spider.

Coach Blount hides his wife's false teeth when they serve corn on the cob.

Mr. Pennington proposed to an old maid over the telephone, and when she accepted him, told her she had the wrong number.

And then there is the College Business Manager (Name withheld for security purposes), who if he owned the Pacific Ocean, wouldn't give a pea-mite enough water to gargle its throat with.

(Note: Just in fun, fellas, just in fun!)

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This picture tattles on Decatur as a trade center. Both sides of the street are lined with automobiles as farmers from over Newton county transact business in the county seat. Officials said it was an average day.



Decatur officials recognize East Central Junior College as an important financial and cultural part of their community. Three students are pictured on the campus at Decatur. They are Barbara Sue Fikes of Morton (left); Ina Fay Simmons of Hillsboro, and Pat Shelton of Waynesboro (right).

Decatur Teacher Saw City Growth From Beginning

Decatur once had only one telephone for the use of the entire community located in a small wooden shack, according to Mrs. Susie Weathersby Newsome, teacher at East Central Junior College who has been with the school for 22 years.

Mrs. Newsome came to the school during its first year of operation as a junior college in 1928.

She recalls the day also when the town had no water lines or sanitary facilities.

The phenomenal growth of the community, aided by the school, rivalry with other towns in the area and progressive leadership, also has been an amazing revolution to her. Most of this growth occurred during the past 20 years, she stated.



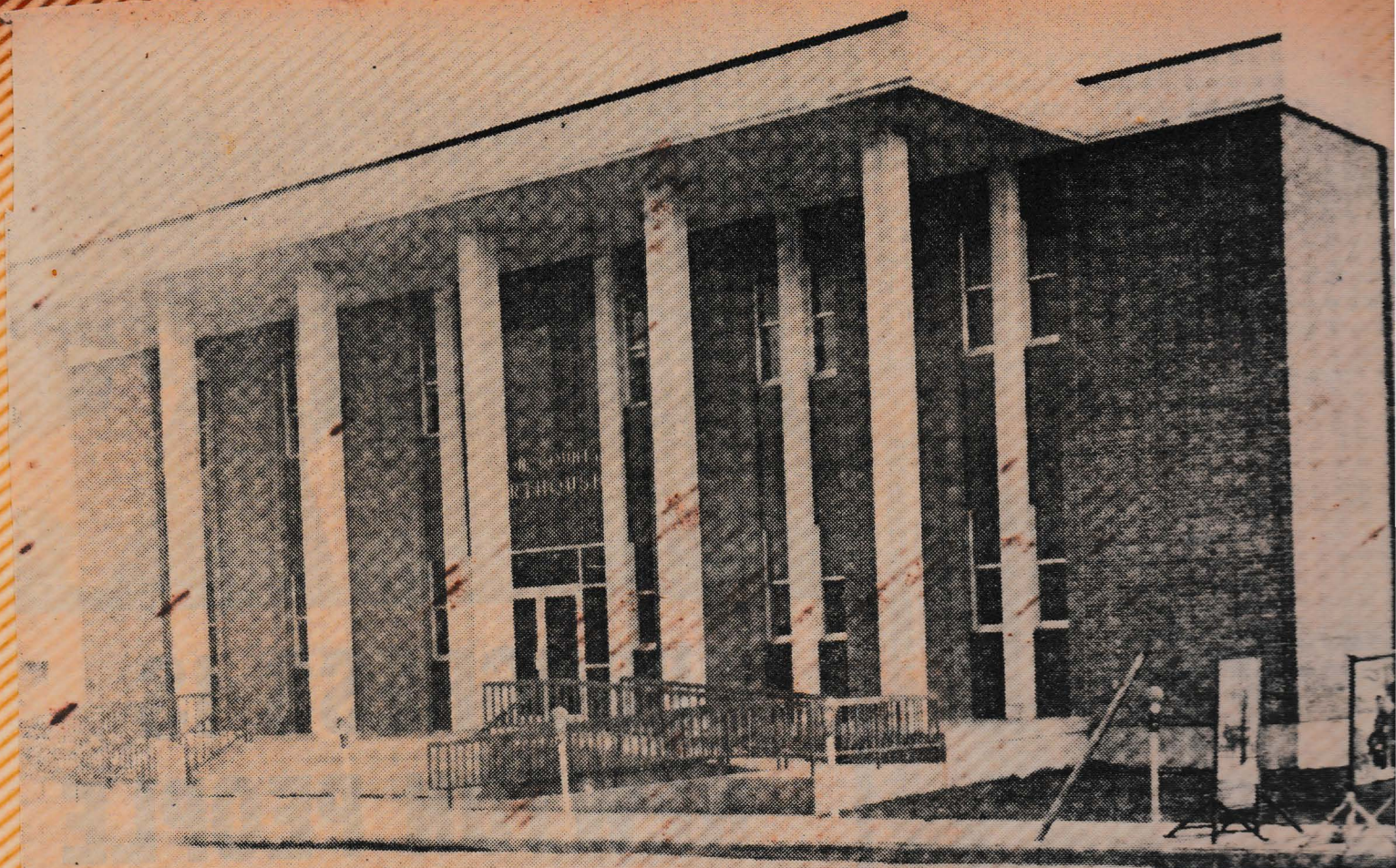
BOWING TO PROGRESS—Built in 1880 this old Hunter home which was to be demolished on Wednesday of this week to make way for a new and modern IGA Store in Decatur, located just west of the post office. Looking over the house and reminiscing over years gone by are Maston McMullan left and Homer Hunter. The house was originally built by Frank H. McMullan, father of the late Albert McMullan, and a great uncle

of McMullan and Hunter. The house was bought by Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hunter in 1912, and there, Homer and seven of his brothers and sisters grew up. The home was bought in 1949 by Albert McMullan and then purchased in 1973 by Maston McMullan from the McMullan estate. The house has square nails in the walls and was one of the oldest homes in Decatur.

(STAFF PHOTO BY LOIS COOPER)



Downtown Decatur Had A Face-Lift



NEWTON COUNTY'S NEW COURTHOUSE AT DECATUR

Newton County Has Heritage

Sixth Courthouse Opened In 1974



TRAPP HAS RECEIVED MASTER'S DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY

Albert Harvey Trapp received his Master of Professional Accountancy this month from Mississippi State University, maintaining membership in Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma and Beta Alpha Psi. He graduated as No. 22 in the School of Business.

Trapp received his A. A. degree in Business Administration from East Central Junior College. He received his B. S. degree in Accounting in 1972 from Mississippi State University.

He has been on the ECJC faculty since February 1972, as head of the Business Administration Department, teaching Accounting and Business Law.

Mr. Trapp also has a Public Accounting office in Decatur.

He and his wife, Ann, have a five-year-old daughter, Tonya. Mr. Trapp is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Trapp of Philadelphia.

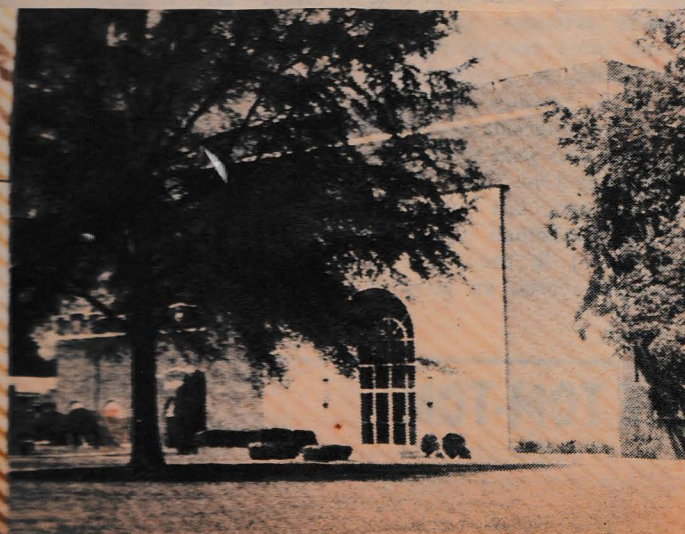


Entrance To Huff Memorial Auditorium Building, ECJC



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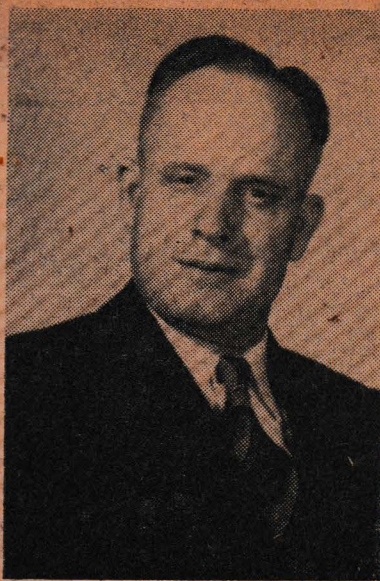
Jessie Everett of Decatur was a recent participant in the 1978 University of Mississippi Alumni Seminar.



Auditorium and Office Building



Newsome Hall, Women's Dormitory



EC INSTRUCTOR DIES AFTER 10 YRS. SERVICE

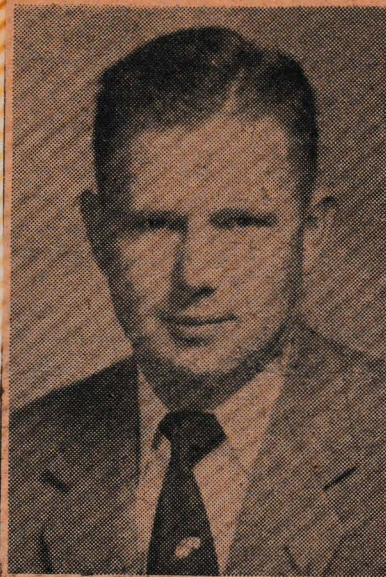
East Central Junior College has suffered a great loss with the death of one of its faculty members, Mr. G. L. Palmer, Head of the Agricultural Department.

The untimely death of the beloved G. L. Palmer proved a shock to his many friends.

Born April 14, 1910, in the community of Polkville, Mississippi in Smith county of farm parents, Mr. Palmer had made great sacrifices and overcome many obstacles in his climb to his most recent appointment at East Central Junior College.

The deceased was educated in the high schools of Smith county and graduated from the Jones County Junior College and later from Mississippi State College. He achieved an outstanding record while teaching at Damascus, Meridian, House, Union and for many years at East Central Junior College.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Palmer and the two daughters, Beth, thirteen, and Marilyn,



Mr. Bradford Tucker has been promoted to Head of the Agriculture Department at East Central Junior College.

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Tucker Elevated To New Position

Mr. Bradford Tucker will succeed Mr. G. L. Palmer as head of the Agriculture Department at East Central Junior College. He will teach agriculture and supervise the college farm.

Mr. Thames Retires After 23 Years As A Trustee Member

Mr. J. M. Thames, a member of the Board of Trustees of East Central Junior College since February of 1931 has retired from the Board after twenty-three years of service.

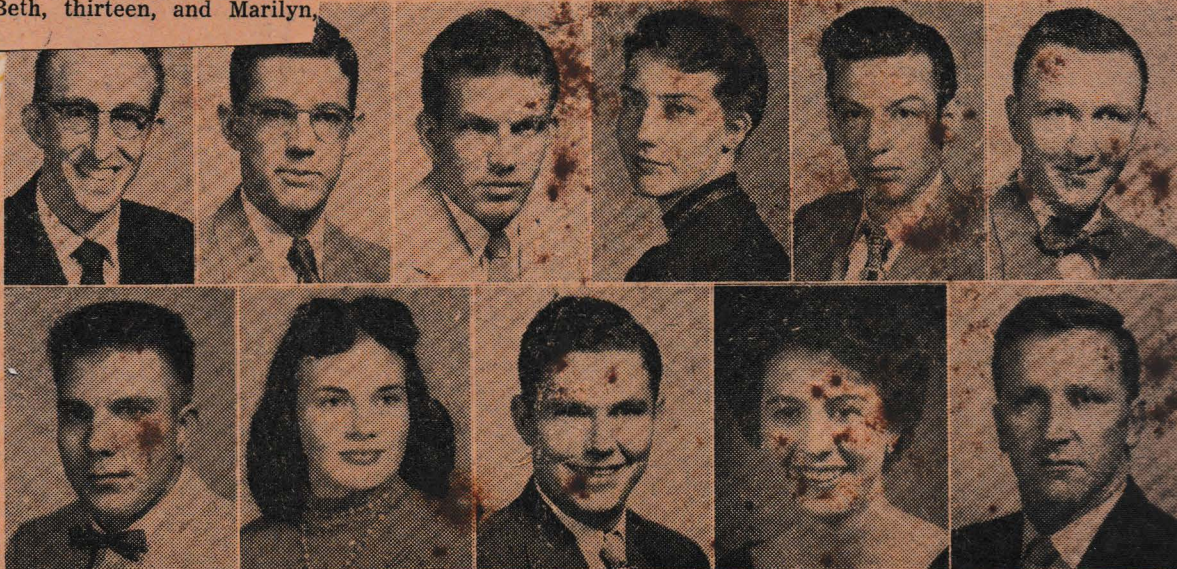
During the time of Mr. Thames' service, as a board member, the college has grown from a very small institution to its present position as one of the outstanding junior colleges in the South with an enrollment of nearly 600.

Mr. Thames was one of the first students in the Newton County Agricultural High School, which was founded in 1914. He graduated



from the A. H. S. in April of 1917.

MID-TERM COLLEGE GRADUATES



The following students will graduate at the Mid-term at East Central Junior College. Top row: Eugene Richardson, B. F. Blass,

Bailey and Mike Pope. Second Row: Jessie Huey, Billie Wright, Berlin Rogers, Martha

Thames. He attended a meeting of the school. Two years in World War Newton County 1928. He in Decatur

ECJC LOSES A FRIEND

In 1946 Mr. Frank E. Leatherwood joined the faculty at East Central Junior College to teach biology. While he was here, he inspired hundreds of science students.

A great many of his former students and associates were saddened recently when they learned of Mr. Leatherwood's death. Mr. Leatherwood was injured in a car accident near Forest in 1968. Due to his health he was forced to retire, but he was always there if a student needed him.

When Mr. Leatherwood came to ECJC in 1946 as Professor of Biological Sciences, it was soon evident that he would become one of the most popular teachers on campus. He soon started to teach zoology and botany along with biology. He became very involved in the school and community. He sponsored both the Gun Club and the Medical Club. He was also a curriculum advisor. In the community he

was an active member of the Clarke Venable Baptist Church. He also worked a great deal with the Boy Scouts as Science Counselor and with the Cub Scouts as Club Master.

He was honored in 1962 when he was named to the Who's Who in American Education. He was an active member of the Mississippi Academy of Science and the Mississippi Education Association.

East Central Junior College honored him in 1967 by dedicating the annual to him. The announcement was made on annual day. The dedication said "... Mr. Leatherwood's untiring efforts, sympathetic understanding, invaluable advice and genuine unselfishness have endeared him to us as a teacher, advisor, and friend ... We humbly and proudly dedicate the 1967 WO HE LO to you, Mr. Leatherwood." The faculty and students were elated over the annual's choice.



Mr. Leatherwood, who was originally from North Carolina, received his A.A. Degree from Mars Hill College in North Carolina in 1938. He received his B.A. Degree in 1940 and his M.A. Degree in 1942 from Wake Forest College which

is also in North Carolina. He did additional studies at Louisiana State University, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory and Cornell University.

Free time was a rarity to Frank Leatherwood, for he had plenty of hobbies to keep him busy after school hours. He was a gun collector, and he repaired and refinished many of the guns he collected. It seems as if his major hobby was fossil collecting. He and his son and Henry Conerly, associate professor of biology at ECJC, discovered the bones of an atchaeocete whale (technically known as the Zeuglodon or Basilosaurus) southwest of Lake, Mississippi. It was required in his courses for the students to take field trips. He also enjoyed stamp collecting, tropical fish, and woodworking. He filled his house with articles made of wood, from picture frames to desks.

One of Mr. Leatherwood's former students is Mrs. Bev-

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have four children; a son Frank E. Leatherwood II and

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nera H. Leatherwood, a son Frank, and three daughters, Mrs. Patricia Ann Cumberland, Mrs. Diana Lynn Turner, and Mrs. Nenette Measels.

three daughters, Patricia Ann Cumberland of Greely, Colorado, Deana Lynn Turner of Starkville, Mississippi and Nenette Leatherwood of Decatur. Nenette is a student at William Carey College in Mississippi.

Before the funeral the family requested that no flowers be sent; instead, they requested money which would be placed in a memorial fund. The Frank E. Leatherwood memorial fund has been set up through the Peoples Bank of Decatur. It is a scholarship fund for medical students who come to ECJC and are low on funds.

In the latter years of his life, he and his wife built a new home, which is located across from the married student apartments.

Leatherwood joined the ECJC faculty in 1946 and served as instructor in Biology, Botany and Zoology until 1968. During that time, he served as sponsor of the Medical Club, Gun Club and curriculum advisor for biological science majors.

Leatherwood received the A.A. degree from Mars Hill College, and the B.A. and M.A. degrees from Wake Forest College. He did postgraduate work at LSU, Gulf Coast Research Lab., and Cornell University.



Leatherwood, being dedicated to the field of science for so many years, hoped that some day he would be able to teach again. Hopefully, someone truly dedicated as this man was will be presented the scholarship this

erly Henry Oliphant. She was a student at ECJC between the summer session of 1957 and the end of January 1959. She worked as Mr. Leatherwood's laboratory assistant and substitute teacher in biology to help herself through school. Every time Mrs. Oliphant needed a recommendation she wrote Mr. Leatherwood who would send her one as soon as he could. Today she is on the Board of Trustees at George Washington University and she works on the stall, as a doctor, of the Veteran's Hospital. She also works for the improvement of other hospitals in the Washington D.C. area.

No one could be prouder of Frank Leatherwood than his family especially his wife, Mrs. Nena Holt Leatherwood. When she talks of Mr. Leatherwood and the deeds he has done, anyone can see in her face the love and pride she has for him. The Leatherwood's

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by Deborah Harrison

Dr. Charles Wright, President of East Central Junior College, has announced that Mrs. Frank Leatherwood has established a scholarship to be given to an East Central student in memory of her late husband.

The scholarship, in the amount of \$75, will be awarded for the first time this spring during Awards Day to a freshman student majoring in biological science. The student must have obtained the highest grade point average in his or her department and must return to East Central for the sophomore year.

The scholarship was set up at the time of Leatherwood's death in 1973 when the family requested scholarship donations instead of flowers.

Leatherwood began teaching science in 1946 and taught until 1968. Due to a bad car accident, involving another car from Alabama, Leatherwood was taken to the Baptist Hospital in Jackson where he stayed several weeks. He also stayed in hospitals in this area for almost 6 months. He later was confined to a wheel chair.



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CLASS OF '28

First row; Leon Sims, Edgar Lee Busby, Mrs. Nola [McClendon] Sanders, Mrs. Eula C. [Adams] Ritchie, Mrs. Rubye Lorene [Pace] Anderson, Mrs. Vera [Adams] Goodwin, Mrs. Madeline [Wroten] Lyle, Mrs. Mary Margarette [Nester] Morgan, Mrs. Ruby [Rowzee] Huey, Mrs. Virginia Eunice [May] Smith, Mrs. Burness [Boutwell] Foley, Mrs. Nina Latheria [Drew] Foster, Mrs. Tessa Eutola [Adkins] Smith, Mrs. Henrietta Marie [Nance] Stokes and P.G. Moore.

Second row; Mrs. Eleanor Louise [Arthur] Tynes, Mrs. Sara Jewel [Wells] Roebuck, Mrs. Virginia Grace [Eddleman] Simmons, Miss Ola [May] Mrs. Martha Lora [Winstead]

Williams, Mrs. Anna Laura [Round] Jordan, Mrs. Martha Eletha [Sansing] Estey, Mrs. Bessie Mae [Stamper] Gallaspy, Mrs. Fannie B. [Carpenter] Burnett, Mrs. Eunice [Elmore] Tingle and Lee "Stubbs" Howington.

Third row; Eulys Motley, Mrs. Bacot Evans, Mrs. Gladys [Nester] Beeman, Mrs. Euna M. [Spivey] Graham, James Andrew Spivey, Clark Sansing, John Gandy McCormick, Alton Brooks McDill, Albert Vance and Noel Blackburn.

Fourth row; James Harvey Harris, James Howard Miller, Vernell Eubanks, Dr. J.E. Baxter, A.B. Morris Wall, Spurgeon Stamper and William Maston McMullan.

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award presentations will be during the Alumni luncheon will be held as part of the Homecoming celebration on Saturday, October 10, 1992



DR. TUCKER

Tucker began his employment at Central as Vocational teacher in 1951. He later became college Agricultural instructor, Farm Manager before assuming Dean's position in 1961.

He also taught Sociology at ECJC and taught graduate courses in Social Foundations and in Junior Administration for Mississippi University.

In the past three years Dr. Tucker has been designated by the college to lead the Alumni Association and coordinate the annual Homecoming activities in addition to the usual responsibilities.

After his coming to East Central, Dr. Tucker served two years in the military during World War II. He taught for two years at Benton School in Yazoo County.

Dr. Tucker is the senior member of the Mississippi Public Junior College Association and the only member still serving as Dean. He has served as president of ECJC Faculty Club, president of Dean's Association, president of Decatur Exchange Club, Master of local Masonic Lodge, and member of Deacons at Decatur Baptist Church.

He has represented the Mississippi Alumni Association as a delegate and has served as a leader at the National Leadership Conference for College Administrators at Mississippi University.

Dr. Tucker is a member of the Faculty Club, State Junior Col-



FORMER ECCC BAND MEMBERS—Members of the fall 1982 East Central Community College Warrior Marching Band were among various groups and classes who received special recognition during Homecoming activities held October 10, 1992 on the Decatur campus. The 1982 band represented the first group led by current director Thomas W. Carson. Attending the reunion were (seated from left) Bob Ivy, Starkville; Mr. Carson; and Robin Gray, Forest. (EC photo)



OBSERVES 50TH REUNION—The 1942 graduating class of East Central Community College observed its 50th reunion during Homecoming activities held October 10, 1992 on the Decatur campus. Class members who attended their golden anniversary include: (first row, L-R) Kenneth Barnett, Margaret Beery Brasher; Juanita Bryant Dickey, Eugene Culpepper, O.W. Davies, Doris Glase, James Greener, Evelyn Harris Stafford; (second row, L—R) McClain Hatch, Melvin Matthews, H.G. McGaugh, Willie Marvis McGraw McCool, Joyce Michael Smith, Virginia Michael Cox, Gladys Nelson Walker, Maxine Nelson Bond, Jarle Rhodes Bassett, Frances Richie Harpole, John O. Risher, Christine Scott Jarrell, Gerald Smith, Lyle Tate, George Thornton, Leo Tomlin; (fourth row, L—R) Virginia Townsend Messer, Sue Walton Hatach, Margie Willie Horvath and J.C. Williamson. (EC photo)

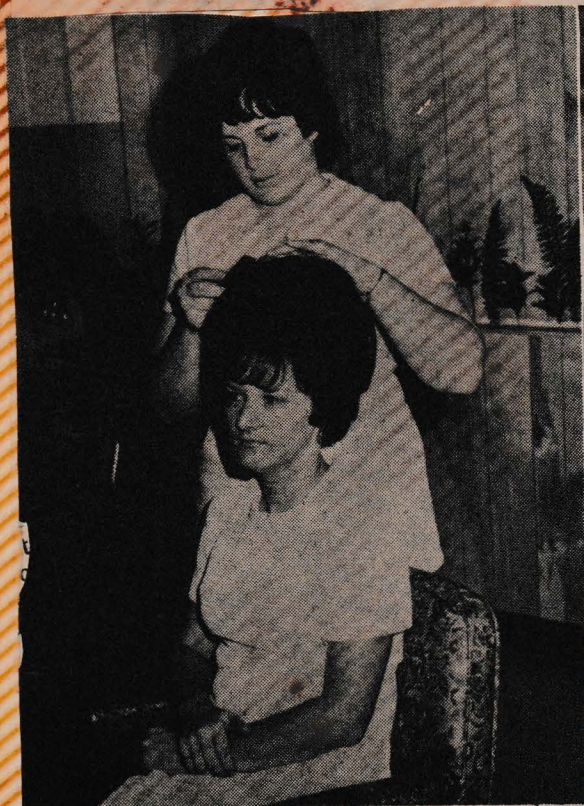
Cosmetology School Held Open House



Judy Thornton and Becky Jolly serve coffee to Mr. McMullan and Charles Williams.



Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Bradford, instructors, demonstrate a manicure to Linda Madison, a member of the Cosmetology School Board, and Mr. Newell.



Gloria White is receiving the final touches of a hair-do by Valarie Thrash.



Mrs. Ann Bradford, Cosmetology instructor, welcomes Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jordan to the Open House.





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CENTRAL BEAUTIES - Christina Wood (center) of Decatur was selected Most Beautiful Central Community College for 1991-92 and is shown with other beauties chosen during fall pageant activities. From left are Shea Sellers of Meridian, Wendy Ellis of Carthage, L... of Walnut Grove and Julie Pair of Philadelphia. The Beauty-Beau Pageant was held in Hu... orium on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)



TUCKER TO BE HONORED - Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction for 30 years at East Central Community College, will be honored on May 11, 1991 when the college's Vocational-Technical Center will officially become The Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center. When he retires on June 30, 1991, Dr. Tucker will have served 42 years in the field of education. (EC Photo)

ECJC Players to Present Dinner Theatre

What Are Girls Wearing?



RECEIVES DRAMA AWARD—Awards for the most outstanding drama students the past year at East Central Junior College, Decatur, were made by Bruce Peterson, department director. Receiving the highest award of the night was Jimmy Gaines of Decatur, ECJC Players award, Best Actor and Most Congenial award for his performance in "The Male Animal" and "Camelot."

Last year Gaines won the ECJC Best Actor and Most Congenial award for appearing in "Father of the Bride" and "Hello Dolly."

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gaines of Decatur and graduated from Decatur High School and East Central. He will be leaving soon for training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex.



WINS FIRST

Delores Welford [standing right] of Decatur, a junior cosmetology student at East Central Junior College was recently selected the first place state winner in the Mississippi VICE Skill Olympics. Miss Welford was judged on trend cut, permanent wave and color, and trend style with daytime and evening comb out. Delores will represent Mississippi in the National VICA Skill Olympics to be held in Birmingham June 26-30.

Also pictured are Debbie Goodwin [seated] of Newton, also a cosmetology student at ECJC who served as Delores' model and Mrs. Shirley Hurt, cosmetology instructor at East Central.



PRESENTS COMPUTER TAPES - Representatives of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization composed of math students at East Central Community College in Decatur, recently contributed 24 computer tapes of mathematical software to the two-year institution and are shown making the presentation to Dr. Eddie Smith, college president. The software, prepared by the Department of Mathematics at the University of Arizona, includes three categories: ARE YOU READY?, SLIDE SHOW and TOOLKITS. Pictured are (from left) Mrs. Lois McMullan, East Central math instructor and club sponsor; Kevin Winstead of Forest, chapter president for 1990-91; Dr. Eddie Smith; and Tam Cooper of Decatur, chapter president for 1991-92. (EC Photo)



FAVORITES AT EAST CENTRAL—During recent student elections at East Central Junior College, Decatur, six young ladies were chosen as "favorites," representing the freshman and sophomore classes. Favorites, from left to right are: front row—Lynn Russell of Decatur, Pam Newell of Decatur, Gloria Hollingsworth of Lake; back row—Pat Murphey of Newton, Gail Fondren and Martha James, both of Union.

(ECJC Photo by Jane Tannehill)



Retirement Reception

A reception was held Sunday, May 6, in the home of Mrs. James B. Everett, right, of Decatur honoring Mrs. Alyne Simmons, center, in recognition of her retirement from East Central Junior College. Her husband, Mr. Simmons, left, was on hand to share in the occasion with her. Mrs. Simmons has long been an outstanding faculty member at East Central Junior College. Many friends and former students visited in the afternoon to pay tribute to her. (Staff photo by Lois



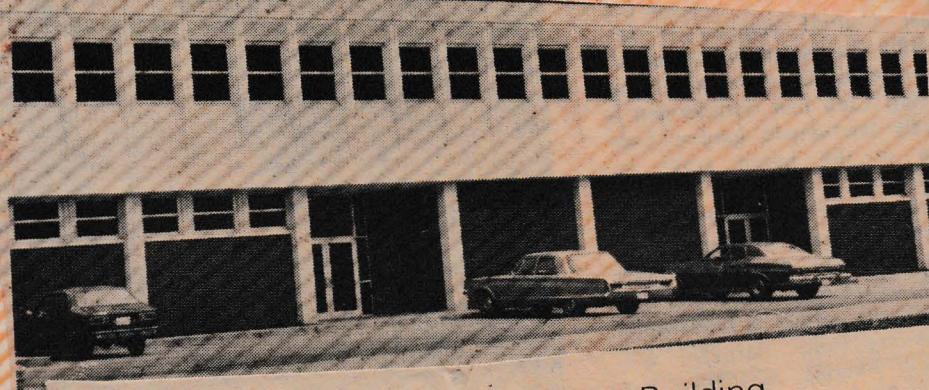
CC STUDENTS CONSTRUCT HOUSE - Students enrolled in carpentry program at East Central Community College are shown in front of a house they are constructing in their fall semester project. Materials for the house are furnished by customers and students complete the project under the direction of the college's carpentry instructors. Pictured are (kneeling in front) Doug Williams, Conehatta; David Hollis, Forest; Keith, Carthage; Tommy Warnsley, Forest; (standing from left) Larry Welch, Philadelphia; J.P. Viverette, Sebastopol; Undre Thomas, Forest; and Thomas Newman, McComb. (EC Photo)



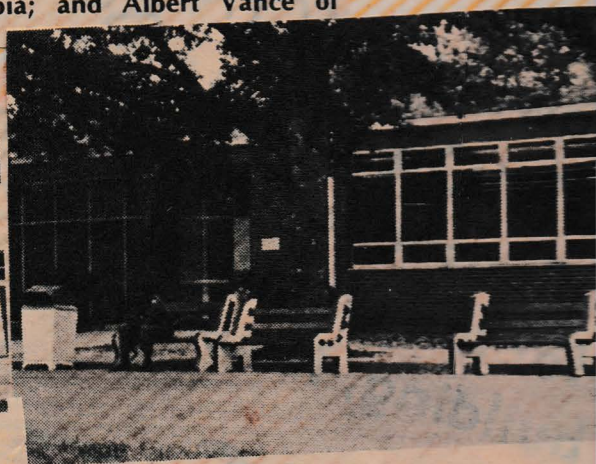
CLASS OF 1928

East Central Junior College held its fiftieth year anniversary on Oct. 7 in Decatur. Honored as Alumni of the Year were the original 1928 class that first came to East Central when the doors were opened. Eleven of the 22 members returned for the reunion. They were: From left, [front] Mrs. Lois Cook Goodwin of Vossburg, MS; Mrs. Madeline

Wroten Lyles of Lena, MS; Mrs. Vera Adams Goodwin of Pascagoula, MS; Mrs. Eunice May Smith of Decatur; Ted Smith of Decatur; Miss Ola May of Newton; and Mrs. Francis Harris Smith of Hickory [second row] Lee Busby of Philadelphia; Spurgeon Lewis of Union; Jimmy Spivey of Senatobia; and Albert Vance of Newton.



Newton Hall, Classroom Building



Administrative Office Building

